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In reply to the Office Action dated November 21, 2006, wherein this Reply is timely filed within the two-month period for receiving an Advisory Action, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.